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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROSECUTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.103

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c): "Circumstances that constitute a failure of the applicant to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application also include the following circumstances, which will result in the following reduction of the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 to the extent that the periods are not overlapping:

(1) Suspension of action under § 1.103 at the applicant's request, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the date a request for suspension of action under § 1.103 was and ending on the date of the termination of the suspension . . ." (*Not for RCE, see 103(c) 9-68*)

1. Applicant petitions for the suspension of action in this application.

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2. Status of application

(complete (a) or (b))

(a) ☐ No outstanding action exists in this application.

(b) ☒ With respect to the action mailed on July 8, 2004, a response

☐ was filed on
☒ is attached.

NOTE: No petition for suspension of action will be granted in an application when a response by the applicant to an Office Action is required. (37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a)).

3. Fee Payment (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g))

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4. Term requested for suspension

The suspension of action is requested for the reasonable time period of 3 months.

NOTE: The maximum period that an initial suspension of prosecution will be granted for is 6 months. M.P.E.P. § 709.

5. Reason for suspension request

The suspension of action is requested for good and sufficient cause, as indicated below:

Suspension of prosecution is requested to conduct additional experiments and/or prepare showings to establish that the claimed invention is novel and nonobvious.


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